# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
# LOK SABHA

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DUES OF WORKERS IN HMT CCI
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**Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether HMT Watch Division employees have not been paid their wages since November,2002 as also the workers of Cement Corporation of India from July,2002; and

(b) if so, the contingency measures are in place to disburse the dues forthwith?

## Answer

MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SUBODH MOHITE)

(a)
(i) HMT Watches Limited has paid the salaries & wages to its employees upto December 2002.

(ii) In Cement Corporation of India (CCI) salaries to its employees of 3 operating units viz. Rajban (HP), Bokajan (Assam) and Tandur (AP) and all Zonal offices are being paid on regular basis from within the internal resources of the company. For the balance 7 units of CCI which are not in production; i.e. Mandhar (Chattisgarh), Kurkunta (Karnakata), Nayagaon (MP), Akaltara (Chattisgarh), Charkh Dadri (Haryana), Adilabad (AP), Delhi Grinding Unit (Delhi/BGU), the Government have already sanctioned release of funds for payment of salaries and wages upto September,2002.
(b)
(i) HMT Watches Ltd. Has stepped up efforts to collect long pending debtors and disposal of unsold stocks.

(ii) In respect of CCI, the production in 7 units stopped long back due to financial unviability, liquidity crunch etc. The Government have already given a budgetary support of more than Rs.130 crore towards payment of salaries and wages from 1998-99 onwards. Government have also provided budgetary support of more than Rs.189 crore for implementation of Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) from 2000-01 onwards.